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HR82

WENNERSTROEM

STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN, DEC. 22 (REUTERS)-SELF-CONFESSED SWEDISH SPY EX-COL. STIG WENNERSTROEM TOLD POLICE INVESTIGATORS HE WAS A LINK BETWEEN AMERICAN AND SOVIET EMBASSIES, ACCORDING TO MATERIAL RELEASED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND PUBLISHED HERE TODAY.

WENNERSTROEM, FORMER AIR ATTACHE IN MOSCOW AND WASHINGTON, WAS SENTENCED TO HARD LABOR FOR LIFE ON CHARGES OF SPYING FOR RUSSIA FROM 1949 TO 1963, THE YEAR OF HIS ARREST.

ASKED BY POLICE DURING THE FIRST DAYS AFTER HIS ARREST ABOUT HIS ACTIVITIES, WENNERSTROEM IS QUOTED AS SAYING:

"I HAVE BEEN ACTIVE AS A LINK BETWEEN AMERICAN EMBASSIES AND RUSSIAN EMBASSIES. FOR OBVIOUS REASONS I CANNOT DISCLOSE THE NAMES OF MY CONTACTS... THE ACTIVITY STARTED WHEN I WAS IN WASHINGTON (FROM 1952 TO 1957)..."

"I PASSED ON MATERIAL, MAINLY FROM RUSSIAN TO AMERICAN EMBASSIES BUT TO SOME EXTENT IN THE OTHER DIRECTION," WENNERSTROEM SAID.

HE WAS ASKED IN WHAT FORM THE INFORMATION WAS GIVEN HIM.

"I PASSED ON CERTAIN SMALL PACKAGES WITHOUT KNOWING WHAT THEY CONTAINED. I HAVE ALSO HAD CIPHER DOCUMENTS WHICH I LATER PHOTOGRAPHED WITH SPECIAL FLM.

HE SAID HE GOT THE FILM MAINLY FROM AMERICAN SOURCES, BUT THAT THE RUSSIANS USE THE SAME TYPE.

(MORE) GEHC 11:51A

HR83

FIRST ADD STOCKHOLM WENNERSTROEM X X X TYPE.

ASKED IF HE CONSIDERED HE WORKED AGAINST THE EAST, WENNERSTROEM REPLIED: "YES."

WHEN POLICE ASKED ABOUT AN EXPENSIVE RADIO RECEIVER FOUND IN HIS HOUSE IN A FASHIONABLE PART OF STOCKHOLM, WENNERSTROEM FIRST SAID HE LISTENED MOSTLY TO MUSIC.

HE THEN SAID THE UNITED STATES PAID FOR THE RADIO.

WHEN ASKED WHEN HE LISTENED TO THE RADIO, HE SAID:

"IN THE MORNINGS. TWENTY PAST EIGHT ON THE FIRST AND THIRD SUNDAYS EVERY MONTH.

"WHAT DID YOU RECEIVE, IN WHAT FORM WAS THE INFORMATION?"

WENNERSTROEM SAID: "THEY WERE IN THE FORM OF FIVE-FIGURE CODE. I HAVE NO KEY TO THEM, BUT I PHOTOGRAPH THE FIGURES AND PASS ON THE FILM, THEN I BURN THE PAPER I WRITE THE FIGURES ON.

WENNERSTROEM SAID THE RUSSIAN AIR ATTACHE IN WASHINGTON IN 1952, A GEN. LEMENOV, TOLD HIM THAT WHEN CONTACTS WERE DUE TO MEET, THE EMBASSY FIRST SENT OUT TWO OTHER MEN AS RED HERRINGS SO THAT THE REAL CONTACT WOULD HAVE A GREATER CHANCE OF NOT BEING FOLLOWED.

GEHC 12:03P

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SECOND ADD STOCKHOLM WENNERSTROEM (R83) X X X FOLLOWED.

WENNERSTROEM SAID: "WHEN I WAS VISITING THE PENTAGON, AS I DID OFTEN, IT COULD HAPPEN THAT I STAYED THERE AND ATE LUNCH. ON ONE SUCH OCCASION. . . IT WAS CLEARLY ARRANGED THAT I SHOULD EAT LUNCH WITH A REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY.

"THIS MAN SAID DURING LUNCH THAT HE KNEW I HAD VERY GOOD CONTACTS WITH THE AMERICANS AND THAT I HAD GIVEN THEM VERY VALUABLE HELP. HE THEN SAID HE HAD SOMETHING INTERESTING TO DISCUSS WITH ME. . . .

"AT FIRST I WAS WORRIED THAT THEY HAD DISCOVERED MY ACTIVITIES IN THE USA (FOR THE RUSSIANS) AND THEREFORE I ACCEPTED.

"WE WENT IN TO AN OFFICE WITHOUT SIGNS OF ANY KIND. . . . AND WHICH I DISCOVERED LATER WAS FREQUENTLY USED BY THE CIA. . . .

"THE RESULT OF THE DISCUSSION. . . WAS THAT THE MAN ASKED ME IF I WAS STILL WILLING TO HELP. . . HE SAID THERE WAS MATERIAL AT THE SOVIET EMBASSY AND FOUND MY ANSWER SATISFACTORY," WENNERSTROEM SAID.

"HE TOLD ME TO GO THERE AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY IN THE FUTURE, AND SAID THAT IT WAS PROBABLE THAT AT SOME TIME A PERSON AT THE RUSSIAN EMBASSY WOULD COME AND ASK ME IF I WAS COLONEL WENNERSTROEM.

"WHEN HE RECEIVED AN ANSWER HE WOULD SAY 'I AM TO PASS ON REGARDS FROM YOUR FRIENDS IN MOSCOW.' THEN I WOULD SAY 'WHICH OF THEM.'

"WE WERE THEN TO TALK ABOUT OUR FRIENDS IN MOSCOW AND THEN SHAKE HANDS WHEN A SMALL PACKET WOULD BE HANDED OVER," WENNERSTROEM WAS QUOTED AS SAYING.

EWP 12:44P

R101

THIRD ADD STOCKHOLM WENNERSTROEM (R93) (DAY) X X X SAYING.

WENNERSTROEM SAID AFTER A LONG TIME OF WAITING, A YOUNG RUSSIAN CAME UP AND THE PLAN WAS CARRIED OUT. "I HANDED OVER THE PACKET AND RECEIVED \$1,000. . . ."

A SIMILAR OPERATION WAS COMPLETED ON ANOTHER OCCASION, THE REPORT STATED, AND, WITH HIS TERM OF OFFICE AS AIR ATTACHE COMING TO A CLOSE, HE WAS INFORMED THAT A DIRECTIVE WOULD BE GIVEN TO HIM REGARDING HIS FUTURE ACTIVITIES FOR THE AMERICANS BY A MAN WHO WOULD ARRIVE IN THE U.S. FROM MOSCOW.

"LATER ON. . . I WAS TOLD FROM MOSCOW THAT THE MEETING WAS ARRANGED AND THAT IT WOULD BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH PREVIOUS PLANS," WENNERSTROEM SAID.

THE REPORT GAVE NO FURTHER DETAILS OF THIS INCIDENT.

ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, WENNERSTROEM WAS QUOTED AS SAYING HE RECEIVED INFORMATION DURING A CONVERSATION WITH AN AMERICAN ADMIRAL REGARDING AN AMERICAN BLOCKADE OF CUBA PREVIOUS TO THE CUBA CRISIS AND THAT HE PASSED ON THIS INFORMATION TO THE RUSSIANS.

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